

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2002-806

WILLARD CUSHING, LLC d/b/a  
Portland Water Taxi  
Application For Authorization to Provide  
Transportation Service As a Water  
Taxi – Stir It Up

ORDER GRANTING  
AUTHORIZATION

January 14, 2003

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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**I. SUMMARY**

In this Order we grant Willard Cushing, LLC d/b/a Portland Water Taxi (PWT) authorization to operate water taxi service in Casco Bay.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On December 26, 2002, PWT filed an application to provide water taxi service with the Commission pursuant to Chapter 520 of the Commission's Rules. Chapter 520 requires that an applicant file a completed application form with the Commission and serve Casco Bay Island Transit District (CBITD) with a copy of the application and rate schedules on the same day. Ch. 520, § 3 (i, ii). If no objections are filed within two weeks of the application, a hearing will not be required and the application will be granted if the applicant meets all the requirements of the Rule. Ch. 520, § 3 (iii, iv). No objections to PWT's Request have been filed with the Commission.

Section 5 of Chapter 520 places two conditions on the provision of water taxi service. First, the service must be provided at a flat rate based upon the distance between the origination and termination points. Ch. 520, § 5(A). Second, the water taxi must file rate schedules with the Commission for informational purposes only. Ch. 520, § 5(B). Finally, Section 2(N) of Chapter 520 limits the number of passengers a water taxi may carry at any one time to six passengers.

**III. DECISION**

We have reviewed the application of PWT and find that it meets the requirements of Chapter 520. Specifically, a complete application was filed with the Commission and served on CBITD the same day. As stated earlier, there have been no objections to PTW's Request. Finally, a review of PTW's rate schedules show that the rates are, in fact, based upon the distance between origination and termination points and provide for a maximum of six passengers.

Thus, we approve the application of PWT to provide water taxi service in Casco Bay.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 14th day of January, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:      Welch  
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